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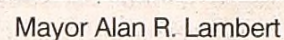
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Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

"During the past year alone, Romulus was named the third highest city in Wayne County to successfully bring in new com-

Enhancements also loomed large in 2006, Lambert said. At least one new project – the new Fairfield Inn – is under construc-



The city hopes the Merriman Road corridor becomes a new

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The city has enlisted the help of state and federal officials to try to keep the wells closed — and Lambert said he hopes the

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The event – which has become one of the largest in the city barring the Pumpkin Festival – has come to represent the changing face of the community, said Mayor Alan Lambert, who spoke at the ceremony.

The event began at 8:30 a.m. with a symbolic walk that began at Cory Elementary School and ended at Romulus High School, where a program that included several guest speakers and

The Rev. Arthur Willis and Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg organized the program. The event was brought to the community by a consortium of entities – the Romulus Community School District, the City of Romulus and the

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Walkers (above) were undeterred by rain Monday during the symbolic walk, which began the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial this year. Students (left to right) Jennifer Logan, Jennifer Dick and Jessica Dick hold a photograph of Lorena Burton, the first African American to attend Romulus schools.

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Speaking up

Business owners hope for a more vibrant, active downtown

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville business owners had a lot to say last week when they were invited by Downtown Development Authority (DDA) officials to meet and share their concerns about improvements needed in the downtown area.

Shawna Austin, owner of Trinity Brands boutique in Belleville, opened her business last year. She said she thought her store would be able to draw customers from other area businesses, but that hasn't happened.

"We need to bring more into Belleville," said Austin. "I'm a retail store and I'd like to be able to feed-off each other."

Concerns with traffic, parking and overall business recruitment were the top issues discussed.

"How can we help you stay in business and what can we do to increase traffic in a positive way? That's what we want to know," said Rosemary Loria, chairperson of the development authority.

"It's all 'how it used to be' and frankly, I don't care," said Gary Snarski, a member of the development authority and owner of Century 21. "I've been here for

10 years now and I came here because I knew it (the city) was waiting to happen. We want things like a nice streetscape and more businesses, but it seems like we're doing everything wrong. The problem is how do we do it?"

Other business owners, like Chesley Odom of Chesley Odom Design, felt the city is in a standstill talking about the same things they were 15 years ago.

"Many of these things are being restated," he said. "My business wouldn't survive on just here, most of my business is in Grosse Pointe."

Duane Detlor, of Detlor Insurance, said the city hasn't taken an active role on bad stewards of their land. They need to enforce the ordinances and if there isn't one for that, create one.

Randy Brown, who owns Randy Brown Landscape Inc., agreed and stressed the need to clean up the parking lot coming into city along with the laundromat, which are both eyesores, he said.

While downtown development authority projects such as the streetscape improvements are beneficial, many said more than just landscaping, brick paving, updated signage and

sidewalk improvements needs to be done. Concerns also lie with keeping buildings up to city code and, the need to utilize the experience of other cities like Plymouth, Birmingham, Ferndale and Royal Oak.

"Royal Oak wasn't always the way it is now," said Odom. "One business that made money came into town and the rest came. We have to get somebody making money here and this is the problem."

Lack of city funds and where exactly the DDA budget stands is also an issue. Loria said the group is still waiting for the result of the city audit to know what the DDA budget is.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is willing to help defray costs and help any way they can, according to President Linda Hall.

"I know we need a professional to help in development," she said.

"I believe we need a DDA director," Snarski added.

Other suggestions included the possibility of tax incentives or tax abatements to attract businesses, expand special events and make use of the lakefront area.

Resident Phil Hecksel also suggested the need for web pres-

ence in both the city and DDA. He said a successful business requires an award winning web design, which would help attract and retain more business.

"Belleville has great planners, but not the best implementors," said Councilmember

Walter Mears. "Part of it is organic growth, keeping on task and, figuring out how to manage, plan and operationalize to make things successful."

"Good, bad, whatever, where do we go from here?" said Mayor Tom Fielder.

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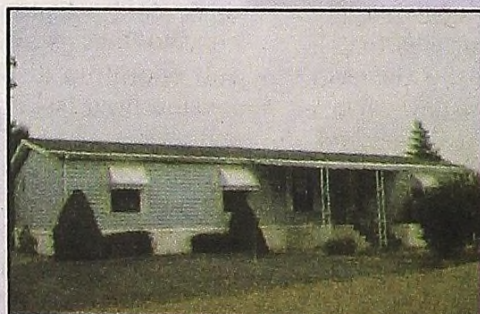
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Woman hopes publicity leads to return of dog

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The owner of the 2-year-old bulldog who became known as the mascot of Romulus Middle School is reeling over the apparent dog napping of the canine.

The dog owner is asking for public support in identifying the individual or individuals responsible for taking the beloved pet from her yard in Romulus.

"She is loved very much, and I want to do whatever I can to get her back," said Melinda Jones, the owner of Spirit, a bulldog.

The dog disappeared from Jones' fenced-in yard at the 6300 block of Hunt Street during the daytime hours of Wednesday, Nov. 22. Jones said she let the dog outside for just a moment.

"I let her out for a few minutes, and when I went out to get her, she was gone – and the gate on my fence was wide open," she said. "That's how I know she was taken."

Jones is adamant that the gate was closed, and that it would

"I let her out for a few minutes, and when I went out to get her, she was gone – and the gate on my fence was wide open. was taken."

Melinda Jones

have been impossible for the relatively short dog to trip the latch on the gate or jump the fence.

The dog owner said she's spent several hours trying to find Spirit, and eventually hoped that some media attention may shed some light on the fate of her dog.

"I've put up flyers in our neighborhood, but I haven't had any response," Jones said. "I'm just hoping that someone out there will be able to give us some information."

Besides being good pets, bulldogs are very valuable. One dog costs about \$2,500 if purchased from a breeder. Jones said she believes that value may have been a motive for someone to steal Spirit.

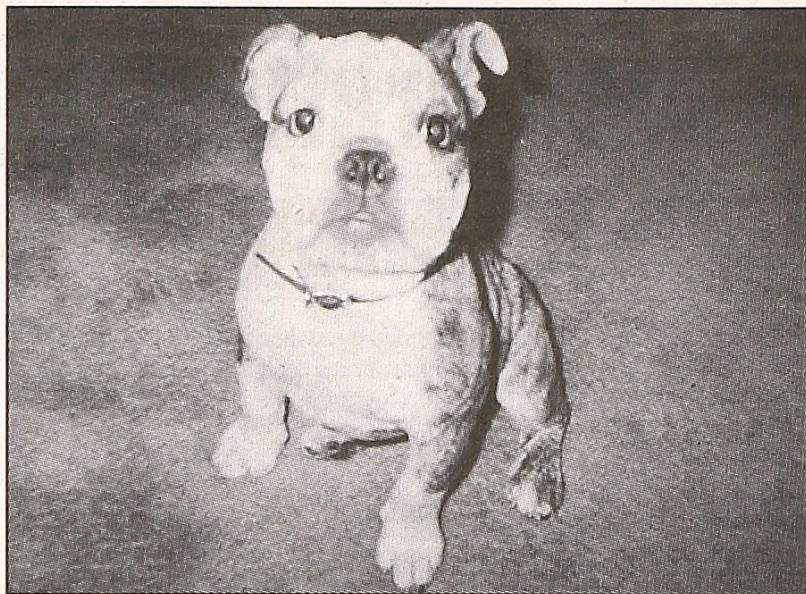
Spirit became affiliated with Romulus Middle School about 2 years ago, Jones said.

Jones has a brother who served as a Romulus Police officer at the middle school. The football team is named the Bulldogs, and when school administrators learned the officer had a sister that owned a bulldog, they asked if Spirit could be the school mascot.

Spirit had attended school functions with the family in 2005, and had an opportunity to pose for photographs with students.

Det. Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department said there have been no leads about the missing dog.

Jones hopes someone can



Spirit, a bulldog who became known as the mascot of Romulus Middle School, was taken from the backyard of her home in November.

come up with information soon.

"Obviously I'm concerned about her safety, because she's not with me," she said.

Spirit is described as a female bulldog who is about 2 feet-tall and weighs about 35 pounds. She is primarily gray in color, but has white markings on her face.

Jones is prepared to offer a reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the safe return of Spirit.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Spirit can call the Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400, or Jones at (313) 477-2923.



A dream come true

A 13-year-old middle school student had something special to look back on Monday. Kahrah Noel, 13, a student at Romulus Middle School, had the chance to meet Martin Luther King III at his mother's workplace, Tammy's Vintage Treasure Corner, when he stopped by for a visit after a speaking engagement. King is the eldest son of Martin Luther King Jr., and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Kahrah said he enjoyed meeting King. "It was great meeting Mr. King," he said. "he is a very nice man."

King - Event represents diversity

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Romulus Ministerial Alliance.

Guest speakers included State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor), Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss, the Rev. Mark Miller of the Community United Methodist Church, and Willis.

Several students from each school also took part in the event. The Romulus High School Marching Band, under the director of Henry James, played the national anthem.

Students from several of the schools also sang songs during the presentation.

Several students from Romulus High School read poems they wrote that are indicative of Dr. King's vision. Romulus

High School 10th grader Tamica Mosely read "I am Me," 12th grader Jennifer Dick read, "Living the Dream," 12th grader Markeita Hudson read "Due Time," and 10th grader Ashlee Hood read "Happiness."

One of the best parts of the program was the Lorena Burton Scholarship award presentation, said schools spokesman Dick Kruse.

"Lorena Burton was the first African American student to attend Romulus schools, and she eventually became a principal in the district," he said. "It's a good scholarship for the students. The early childhood development center – where the Head Start classes are held – was eventually named in her honor"

Students Jennifer Logan and

twins Jessica and Jennifer Dick accepted the \$400 per student award during the event.

Each year, there is a theme for the Dr. King celebration. This year the theme was, "Living Out the Dream . . . Pass it On. During the event, residents were given small cards and will be asked to do good deeds and pass the card on. The purpose of the card is too see how far it can go, and how many good deeds it prompts people to perform.

Craig Bragg, when interviewed about the event last week, said she expected attendance would be up this year because of the November approval of Proposal 2, which prohibits affirmative action programs in state contracting and university admissions.

Speech

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business and retail hot zone, and part of the enhancement program includes façade improvements to existing buildings to make the well-traveled route more attractive to businesses.

Another project the city is working on that was hotly debated in 2006 was the infrastructure work at the Junction subdivision, where 4 ½ miles of new water mains and 200 water taps have been added. The project came under scrutiny by residents last year because the initial plan was not to cover ditches. About 100 residents of the subdivision flooded a city council meeting in 2006 to complain, and the city decided to cover the ditches.

Projects for the next few years include the continued efforts to attract business to the Aerotropolis, or the area that surrounds Detroit Metropolitan Airport, continued advocacy for the proposed casino and race-track approved by voters in 2004, exploring the possibility of a

baseball stadium, constructing a new fire station and building a new animal shelter.

Councilman William Crova said he thought the mayor covered everything he needed to in the speech.

"I think (Lambert) did a great job," he said. "It was well-received, and there were a lot more people at the event than there have been in the past."

Councilman William Wadsworth commended the speech as well. "I would have liked to hear more about the animal shelter for 2007, but that's more of a personal thing," he said. "There was a lot of information in the speech, which is good."

Lambert said part giving a required address each year is accountability to the public.

"I believe that, as elected officials, we hold our offices as a gift – given to us by the people we serve. We owe it to them to use the gift wisely and for their benefit."

For the full text of Mayor Alan Lambert's State of the City Address, visit www.journal-growth.com/romulus.

Well

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fees and fines levied against the well operators discourage the pension fund from backing the wells.

"I'm working with (Rep.) John Dingell and (State) Sen. Ray Basham to try to make sure they stay closed," he said. "We're going to have to wait and see what the (well operators) punishment will be."

Environmental Disposal Systems first came to Romulus in 1992 hoping to open a deep well. The plan was met with disdain by some city officials and caused a groundswell of opposition among residents. Lawsuits

and attempts to stop the wells failed, and last year, the MDEQ granted the EDS application to operate the well. About seven months later, problems were discovered at the wells during a routine inspection.

The deep wells are 4,500 feet below the ground surface. EDS was licensed to treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day. The facility is also licensed to store 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks.

The waste was to be trucked in from Michigan and other places in the United States.

There is no activity permitted at the well until the problems are repaired and the fines and fees are resolved.

OPINION

A well crafted 'emergency'

Faced with another gloomy financial outlook, a potential budget shortfall of up to \$1 billion and ongoing troubles with the state's largest economic engine—the auto industry—Gov. Jennifer Granholm impaneled recently an emergency financial advisory group.

Well, it's about time.

The group, made up of former high-ranking Michigan officials, met for the first time on Friday in their quest to come up with some ideas to stave off budget shortfalls this year and in the future.

We're a little curious to see what this group of thinkers can come up with that hasn't been said—or written about, ad nauseam—during the past several years while the Michigan economy floundered.

We all know that things haven't been that great lately. School districts and local municipalities have had to slash their budgets as their share of state revenues has not kept pace with the increases in the cost of doing business. In many cases, it has actually declined while expenses have gone up. What more can be said? Despite Granholm's best efforts, the state has not fully addressed the larger problem: their revenues are not in line with their expenses.

Given that, many political pundits have questioned the true goal of this 'emergency' panel and pointed out that many members are friendly to tax increases for the average citizen. That's a possibility, since she can't be re-elected again; she could then use the panel as a buffer between her and what may be a grisly reality.

One thing is already certain, though. The bipartisanship in the state capital will continue, perhaps at the expense of a true, equitable solution to the problem. Already fingers are pointing as each side tries to blame the other for the mess.

Local officials—whether they serve on a city council, township board or school board—should take heed. They're facing many of the same difficulties and they don't need to put together an emergency panel to tell them they'll probably have to solve these problems on their own.

A tough road ahead

Officials in the City of Wayne got off to a good start on Saturday when they formed a committee to promote the upcoming road millage request.

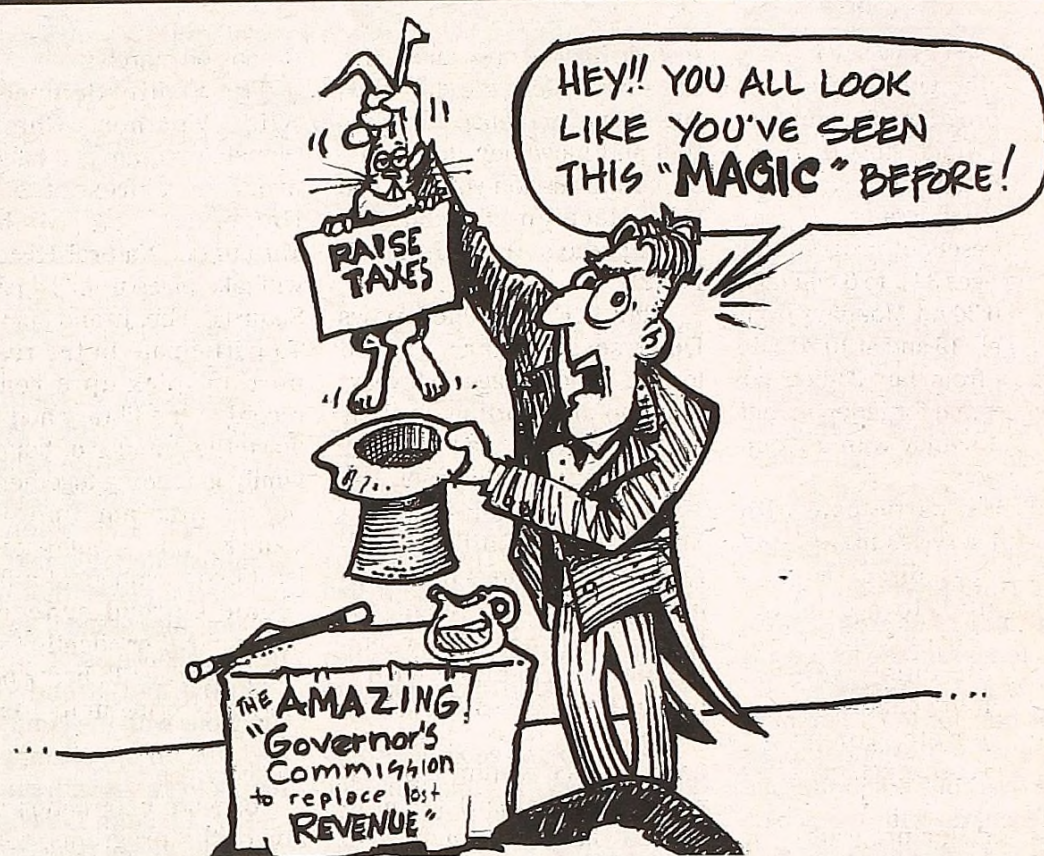
Voters in the city will be asked to approve a levy of up to 1 mill for 25 years to fund a myriad of street and sidewalk improvement projects. It will cost the average taxpayer about \$50 a year—a small price for such needed work—but it will probably still be a close vote.

The last time the city asked for a millage, it was only approved by 10 votes, after all, so they're right to be a little nervous about it. The economy is different this time around, too.

The key to any successful millage campaign is information. The public has to have a clear grasp of what's being asked for, what the stakes are, what it means to them, individually and how much it will impact their wallets. Citizens committees are the best way to achieve this, because the role the actual government can play is strictly defined: they can educate, not persuade. That's a tough line to walk.

We'll all find out just how nervous the city council and city administration are about asking for this levy in the coming weeks. It coincides with the beginning of budget season, after all, notably the two goal setting sessions approved by the council on Tuesday night. It's our hope that this upcoming millage won't be the only thing the city focuses on during the coming year. It's possible to promote that and still push for

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Don't annoy us further..

I met the news that I had missed another Wayne 2020 Committee meeting last week with a mixture of relief and concern.

I was relieved that I ended up with Wednesday night free—with work-related things to do on Monday and Tuesday nights, Wednesday night activities can be a bit of a strain on the home front—but concerned because the meeting had taken place the night before, and I was apparently not the only one who had the wrong date.

It was the second special call meeting to take place within the last two months and, both times, the agenda included the mural plan. But, for the second consecutive meeting, the committee did not have a quorum; they could talk, but take no official action.

For some reason, these two issues—the public murals and, I guess, the 2020 Committee, in general—haven't been universally embraced.

I'm not sure why.

There are plenty of theories about the mural plan. The economy isn't right is one. The city is in a tough budget situation is another. There are also concerns with the road millage request on the ballot in May—city officials may be concerned if they spend more money on a mural, people won't vote for the roads.

That may be a viable argument, I guess, depend-

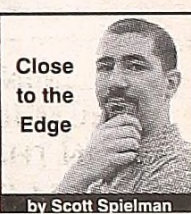
ing on your confidence in your ability to sell something that's vital to everyone—the quality of the roads—versus something that has a more esoteric value, like using public art to help improve the city atmosphere and lure more people into town.

They're not mutually exclusive, though. What does an impending road millage request have to do with spending an additional \$40,000 from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget? Nothing. And, for that matter, what's another \$40,000 taken from a fund that provides more than \$5 million to the city general fund, anyway? It's a drop in the bucket. It's silly to let something like that stand in the way of a bold project like this because, as they say, you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

As for the 2020 Committee itself, well, I'm disappointed. I know it can be tough to make it every place you need to go during the holiday season, but members of this group are not doing themselves any favors if they can't show up en masse and—barring anything else—remind the city of what they're trying to do and why they're trying to do it.

As always, I hold myself partially responsible for

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Simple math could solve problem

Business in Belleville. What to do. What to do. The topic of business recruitment and the need to update downtown Belleville is nothing new, but when is it actually going to happen is the real question.

Area business owners, members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and city officials came together recently in hopes of once again answering that question. The result: more of the same old, same old.

Business owners are concerned with the lack of traffic to their stores, the parking availability to go to the stores, the basic up-keep of buildings and streetscape and, in general, the shortage of downtown business development.

The truth is there's no money to do what needs to be done, and when the city and development authority aren't even clear what money they do actually have, where are you supposed to go from there?

I heard a lot of comparisons to other communities. This city does this so why can't we be more like them and that city does that so maybe we should follow their lead.

I also heard ideas to capitalize on Belleville Lake, use local people more, hire a professional

business recruiter and expand and add new events, all of which are good suggestions, and some mainly the same, but not once did I hear any ideas that involve Generations X/Y.

So what's going to happen to Belleville when the baby boomers are gone? I hate to say it, but the way Belleville is now, most of my generation (Generation X) would not want to live here. I don't mean to criticize Belleville, but when it comes to nightlife on a Friday or Saturday for example, there really aren't many options. That's the difference between Belleville and places like Royal Oak, where the downtown is filled with a variety of restaurants, clothing shops and other activities where people like to spend their disposable income. Places not only for me, but also for every generation to enjoy.

I'll say the same thing I have before. I would love to see more businesses, retail stores, boutiques, restaurants and bars, especially ones geared toward my generation in downtown Belleville. I don't think I'm the only one, either.

I figure this simple math problem might do the trick: more business = more money = more things to do in Belleville.



King's Court

by Andrea King

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Library sets reading programs

The Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville will host several reading programs for children including winter story time sessions, R.E.A.D Therapaws Dogs and science programs.

The preschool program for children ages 3 ½ to 6 will take place at 6:30 on Mondays from Jan. 22-Feb. 19 and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays from Jan. 23-Feb. 20. It is a program for independent listeners to enjoy with a group of their peers.

Children participate with the youth services librarian in stories, songs, discussion and opportunities to ‘get out the wiggles.’ Parents and caregivers can enjoy a quiet moment in the children’s area before joining the group for a fun and creative activity after stories.

The toddler program—for children ages 2 to 3 ½ —will include books, songs and activities shared along the story time rug. Lots of audience participation and movement keeps the 25-minute session going. It will take place on at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays from Jan. 24-Feb.21.

The R.E.A.D. Therapaws Dogs sessions are geared toward children ages 5-8 years old who are reading on their own and could use a little practice with a patient listener. The 10-minute session is with a library dog and utilizes registered therapy dogs that have been trained and tested for health, safety and proper temperament. Together with a trainer the dogs act as reading companions to children who need practice reading aloud. It will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, 10:30 a.m. to noon on Feb. 17 and from 10:30 a.m. to noon on March 24.

The Family Science and Wild Weather, Changing Climate program is a hands-on program presented by University of Michigan Museum of Natural History. It will take place from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 and March 10. To participate in the reading portion, pick-up a reading record at the library and write down the number of hours the family is reading together during the program. In order to count the time spent reading, at least two members of a family should be reading together either aloud or silently. Once a family reaches 15 hours before March 23, bring in the reading record to the library and receive a prize.

For more information about any of the programs, contact the library at (734) 699-3291.

Millage

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improvements within the city—provide funding for additional parks and recreation services, for example, or to fully fund other improvements within the downtown, such as the proposed mural plan. We can’t put the world on

hold just because we may be nervous about an upcoming vote. It’s important to improve and fully fund quality of life issues, even while you’re worried about keeping the lights on and making sure everyone has a safe street to drive down or a safe sidewalk to walk on.

The road millage will stand or fail on its own merits. Let’s keep looking ahead, too.

Committee

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that because I haven’t been able to get to many of the meetings and I am continually forgetting to follow up on them afterward.

I wonder if a part of the reason for their lack of attendance stems from frustration that they’re still trying to do many of the things they’ve been trying to do since the ink dried on their by-laws. This is a group of volunteers trying to make improvements in their hometown and they probably didn’t expect to encounter this much resistance.

Vocal city critic Mark Blackwell has even called for them to be disbanded, but that would be a shame. At the very least, though, this group has to come together again to show support for their own progressive agenda. The city council, too, should do a better job of listening and finding ways to work with them, rather than holding them back. If they can’t, maybe they should disband the group with, as they say, the appropriate thanks. In this case, that could take two forms: ‘Sorry for wasting your time,’ or, stealing a lyric from a favorite old song of mine: ‘Forget about your silly whim. It doesn’t fit the plan.’

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 4, 2006, IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. **Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth. **Officials in Attendance:** Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-401

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 27, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crout.
Motion Carried.

06-402

3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to grant approval of PC-2006-032/033 Panacea Industrial Park Special Land Use request of a 38,663 sq.ft. cross dock facility and vehicle purchase/lease facility consistent with the recommendation of the city planners memorandum dated November 29, 2006 as follows:

1. Site plan approval by the Planning Commission.
2. A waiver of the 50 foot setback requirement along the rear 310 feet of residential property to the north of the site to 10 feet as depicted on the site plan.
3. A waiver to the 5 foot high berm requirement adjacent to residential property along the rear 310 feet of residential property as depicted on the site plan.
4. A waiver to the number and placement of required plantings along the frontage of the property as depicted on the site plan.
5. The display area along the frontage to be kept organized and limited to only trucks that are in operable condition.
6. All landscaping be kept healthy, neat and orderly in appearance.
7. Special use approval for the used truck sales and leasing facility and truck oriented warehouse only. Any change in the intensity and type of outdoor storage and/or uses must be reviewed and approved by the City.

Subject property is located on a 14.9+- acre parcel on the east side of Middlebelt Road between Smith and Ecorse Roads. DP#’s 82-80-046-99-0027-000, 82-80-046-99-0028-000, 82-80-046-99-0029-000, 82-80-046-99-0031-700,000, 82-80-046-99-0041-000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-403

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution recognizing the closure of deep-injection well at Inkster Road and Citrin Drive. Entire resolution on file in the Clerks Office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-404

6A1. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06-07-16, introduced at the meeting of November 27, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-405

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and schedule an Executive Session in the City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-406

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Julie Albert, City Assessor and re-appoint Beverly McAnally and David Paul to the Board of Review with terms commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2008,

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-407

6C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with City Attorney, Barry Seifman and approve two (2) American Tower Corporation Modification Cell Tower Lease Agreements with respect to certain real property located at Firestation 4, 28777 Eureka Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174 (“the Lease”); American Tower Site Name: Metro-Airport and American Tower Site Number: 305684.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate,
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 4, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: January 18, 2006

A novel idea

Characters in new book based on author's fellow servicemen

Scott Spielman
Editor

Robert Guttersohn brought home more than memories from his time serving the country in Iraq.

Guttersohn, a Wayne resident and former paratrooper, also brought home the inspiration for his series of novels, the *Bartholemoo Chronicles*, the first of which was published recently.

Guttersohn said he initially came up with the concept to entertain his fellow soldiers during long deployments to the war-torn land.

"You see every side of every personality when you're deployed that long," he said. "I decided to use them as characters."

The novel could be classified as science fiction or fantasy, but Guttersohn said it has a broader appeal than that. It's the first of several he has planned that concern the mythical lands of Uta and Bartholemoo. It centers around two characters, each with a special gift. They were brought up in the different lands, though, with one learning to use his gift in Uta, a land where the current ruler is gradually turning the land into a dictatorial empire.

His counterpart—thanks in part to the help of a talking goat—learns to use his gift for the greater good. The first novel builds up their background as they inevitably face off.

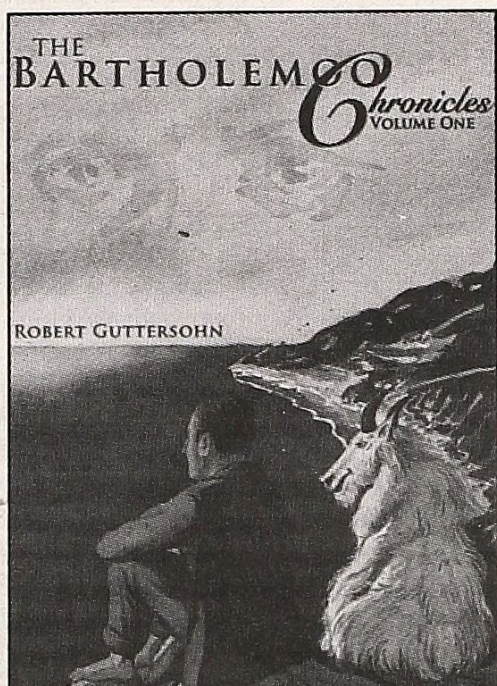
There are six main characters, all of whom are reminiscent of people he served with as a paratrooper in Iraq. The story also plays off other current events and religious clichés, Guttersohn said.

There's Samuel, the Mountain Man, known for his gigantic hands, a tough bounty hunter—Murphy—modeled after a colleague who never seemed to be happy.

"Even my dog makes an appearance in here, too," he said.

The story also plays off other current events and religious clichés, Guttersohn said.

The story is fast paced, with short chapters that make readers craving more, he said. Filled with plenty of twists and turns,



Bartholemoo Chronicles is available through Amazon.com and Target.com.

he said it would transcend the traditional fantasy genre.

"I still feel that anybody can read it," he said. "That's how I wrote it. I think anybody can pick it up and enjoy it."

Guttersohn grew up in Canton Township and joined the army in 2002. His experiences there—including leaping from a perfectly good airplane traveling at 150 m.p.h.—ran the gamut of military activities.

The book was published through BookSurge, LLC and is available online at places such as Amazon.com and Target.com. He's

also shopping it around to local bookstores.

He said he's enjoyed the process of editing the stories into something worthy of print and is looking forward to writing the next book in the series—and his next project after that.

"I've always had an interest in creating things," he said. "I enjoy anything that's creative. I like anything that can trick me out—and that's hard to do. I think anyone that enjoys that will enjoy this—it has a lot of twists and turns in it."

"I still feel that anybody can read it. That's how I wrote it. I think anybody can pick it up and enjoy it."

Robert Guttersohn



Robert Guttersohn used personalities from his fellow servicemen as the basis for characters in the *Bartholemoo Chronicles*, his first novel.

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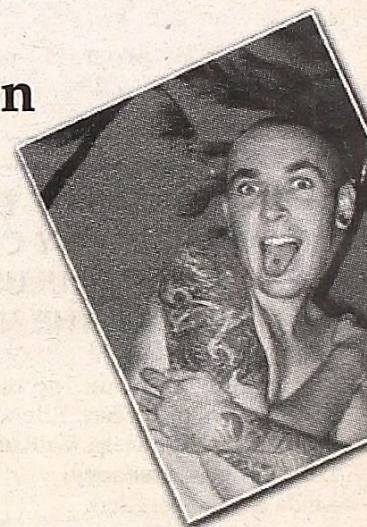
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File of Life

Auxiliary group hopes to get safety message to seniors

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The City of Belleville Fire Auxiliary wants to get the message out to seniors about the importance of up-to-date health information, particularly in emergency situations.

The newly formed group has adopted that mission as a community project: File of Life. The tri-fold health information sheet is geared for EMS personnel in a 911 emergency situation. It includes medical data, like medication and dosage amount; medical conditions; insurance; allergies and emergency contacts.

The information is vital in the treatment of a patient and will help for better care, too, according to Mary Ann Emerson, project chairperson and secretary of the auxiliary.

"As a retired nurse I know how important it is to give the appropriate care. This benefits the medical first response team and is a safer way to care," she said.

The Medical Team in Livonia sponsored the free File of Life cards, which will be distributed throughout the community from 8:30-11:30 a.m. today at the Sumpter Senior Center and 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 22 at Van Buren Township Hall.

The auxiliary urges seniors to keep the File of Life current, as well. It should be reviewed every 3-4 months.

Emerson said this is just the first of many projects to come out of the group, made up of family, friends and retired firefighters.

"If we can't be on the truck we can support them and raise funds for them," she said.

Christine Tator, president of the Belleville Fire Auxiliary, said with a small community, there are times where the city budget can't fund upgrades and advances in the department. That's where the need and support of the auxiliary comes in, she said.

"Both my husband and my daughter are on the fire department so it has been and is a big part of my life," said Tator.

Their biggest role, Tator added, is fundraising and getting the community involved in fire awareness.

"We're a dedicated group of individuals who want to do a lot of good for the community, get to know them and make them aware," she said.

The fire auxiliary will also take part in the Family Community

Resource Committee Health and Information Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Belleville Co-op Apartments. The group will distribute information such as fire safety and other tips focused on seniors.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities or future community projects, contact the Belleville Fire Department at (734) 697-9337.

Township sets master plan meeting

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission will host a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Van Buren Township Hall regarding the South Side Master Plan and Future Land Use Plan. All residents, property owners and business owners are encouraged to attend and participate.

The south side includes the land area between I-94 on the north and Bemis Road to the south, Rawsonville Road on the west and Hannan Road to the east. The topic for the meeting will be the draft south side master plan for consideration and action by the planning commission.

Township officials started the South Side Master Plan and Future Land Use Plan update in February of 2006 and, the process of developing the draft Master Plan and Future Land Use Plan update is now nearing completion.

The meeting will include a presentation of the draft future land use plan, along with data from the various vision sessions, planning and land use exercises and public comment received from area residents, property owners, business owners and the board of trustees. The planning commission will hear a presentation by staff members and discuss the material.

Township officials hope for a large attendance at the meeting to ensure the result of the master land use plan update represents the desires of the community. All members of the Van Buren Township community, including civic and community groups, business owners and, residents, neighboring municipalities and others who care about the future township are invited to participate.

The materials presented at the workshop will also be available online at www.VanBurenMP.com and, community residents will be able to provide feedback via the master plan website. For more information, contact the Van Buren Township Department of Developmental Services at (734) 699-8913.

Boater safety classes offered

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Dive Team, along with the Township Parks and Recreation Department, will host a series of boater safety classes in anticipation of the upcoming season.

Anyone who operates a boat or personal watercraft should attend, according to officials.

The classes will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 24, March 24 and April 28 at the parks and recreation department, located at 46425 Tyler Road. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch.

For more information and age requirements, contact the parks and recreation department at (734) 699-8921.

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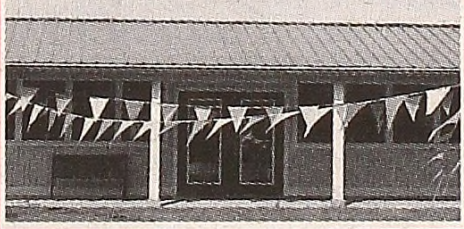
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Canton country

Local singer is building national career

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Don't expect Justine Blazer to slow down anytime soon.

The Canton Township native has been singing professionally for nearly as long as she can remember.

"I've been doing this since I was 6 years old," said Blazer, now 23 and working hard on a country-rock music career.

On Jan. 26 and 27, she will open for headliners Lonestar at the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom in Warren.

She'll have come a long way since her first public performance at age 6 in Meadowbrook Mall, when she forgot the words to *Wind Beneath My Wings* and had to leave the stage.

Of course, she wasn't deterred. She recorded a demo tape of country songs at Talent Live Recording Studios in Canton when she was 13 and began getting interest from managers.

She graduated from Canton High School in 2001 and kept performing around the state. When she was 19, she moved to New York to advance a pop-rock career. The move was humbling, she said, especially when she was left homeless when her roommate died suddenly in a car accident.

"It was a short period, but it still hit home with me, that this is really real. It can happen to anybody," she said.

She has no regrets, though.

"It was a tough, tough time, but

I think I have seen the whole spectrum of the music industry. A lot of people don't experience that, and I think you have to experience something like that to really write excellent music."

Blazer said she was always known as the "little kid with the big voice." Now grown up, that voice is backed up by B.J. Hassell on lead guitar, Randy Lopez on bass and Maurice Evans on drums. Blazer also plays acoustic guitar and piano.

Blazer released a pop-rock CD, *Passion In Me*, in 2005. Since then, she's returned to her roots in country-rock.

"When I came back (to Michigan), I realized that country is my main genre," she said. "I feel like when I can write country songs, I'm expressing myself to my fullest."

She's working on a new CD for release this summer and performing with her band locally and across the U.S. You can find show dates and listen to Blazer's music at www.myspace.com/justineblazer. Blazer and her band infuse blues elements into their songs, too.

"We are (in) Detroit Rock City after all. I do like to rock it up," she said. "It makes it fun. It's very different and very interesting."

She still hopes to make it big one day. She's getting a lot of help from promoter Larry Garcia of www.detroitcountrymusic.com, who helped her secure the gig opening for Lonestar. She is getting interest from record labels,



Justine Blazer

but isn't willing to give up the total control that comes with being an independent artist.

"I just try to keep things pretty down to earth," she said. "When things get too complex, you lose sight of what's going on. It's about the music, first and foremost. People get really caught up with the entourage and different things, and I think that's losing sight of what really matters, and the music is what really matters."

Fans will have a chance to hear Blazer perform live when she opens for Lonestar. The Andiamo Celebrity Showroom is located at 7096 E. 14 Mile Road in

Warren. Doors open at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com

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Questions and Answers with Justine Blazer

What do you look for when choosing your band members?

"It just kind of comes together. You can't force something like that. You've got to have the right chemistry. Everybody's got to be on the exact same page—the exact same word of the exact same page, if that makes any sense. Because if people in the band are in different places, then it's not going to work. So everybody has to have the same wants and needs."

How much help do you get from the Internet?

"It's a great time to be an independent artist. I

think anyone with the right drive can be heard. But that only takes you so far. After that, it's the music and the talent that keeps you going."

Are you eager to make the next step?

"If I can get signed to a major label, that would thrill me. But in the meantime, I'm really trying to capitalize as much as I can on being an independent artist, because you reap all the benefits from it. I like the challenge. Sometimes it's hard, and sometimes I want to give up, but you can't focus on the negative. You've got to focus on the positive"

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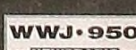
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Salem deals Northville 1st loss

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Salem put an end to Northville's regular season unbeaten streak, topping the Mustangs 66-47 at home on Friday. The Rocks, who have been an inconsistent 2-4 this season, pulled off the upset with a one-two punch of tough defense and a potent offense. Salem had eight players score with junior forward Ross Davis' 24 points topping all scorers. Junior forward Grant Stone added 16 and sophomore guard Anthony Mullins, 10.

"The defensive effort was tremendous," said Salem Coach Bob Brodie. "Anthony Mullins did a great job guarding (Alvin) Storrs.

The kids played with a lot of passion and more as a team than we have been."

This was the Northville's first regular season loss since Feb. 22,

2005. Storrs led the Mustangs with 22 and received help from juniors Dan Kirkpatrick, who scored 12, and David Burke with 10.

Even Northville's 26-point fourth quarter rally couldn't overcome the superior play of the Rocks.

Storrs scored the first basket of the game and, seconds later, blocked a shot by Salem's Anthony Mullins. Davis seemed unstoppable in the quarter, scoring 10 points. At the end of one quarter, Northville trailed, 12-8.

The shots didn't drop for Northville in the second either. The Mustangs found themselves trailing 27-11 at the 4:17 mark. The Rocks pulled ahead to a 35-22 lead at the half.

The third quarter was marked by defensive intensity by both sides, as each squad was limited to nine points. Northville narrowed

the gap to nine, 40-31, when Storrs converted a three-point play and Steve Anderson sank 2-of-3 from the line after being fouled on a triple attempt. The rally died when the Mustangs failed to score again in the period, ending the third quarter down 44-31.

The final period saw a furious Northville comeback attempt fall short. Burke sank a three-point shot at 5:51 to make it 48-35. With 3:05 remaining, Kirkpatrick drew a foul and sank both free throws to close the gap to 54-43. At 2:50, Spencer drained a 3-point basket to bring Northville within eight, 54-46, but the Mustangs wouldn't get any closer.

"They just outplayed us and deserved to win. We need to get more scoring from other areas and that's something that we will address this week," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher.



Glenn's Jackie Wilson (40) tries to get by Northville's defense in last Tuesday's loss. The Rockets went on to defeat visiting Walled Lake Western, 68-61, on Friday where Stefan Markin led the team with 21 points.

Clean sweep

The Detroit Ignition (9-6) swept the Milwaukee Wave (6-8) in two games over the weekend. Detroit's Novi Marojevic scored a three-pointer in overtime to defeat host Milwaukee, 17-14, on Sunday. Ignition rookie Woreth Sampson scored twice. Jamar Beasley (right), Miodrag Djerisilo, Hewerton, Mike Apple and Ryan Mack all scored in the victory. Sanaldo, who earned his third Goalkeeper of the Week honors from the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), recorded the win in net for Detroit. Detroit also beat the Wave, 14-6, at home on Friday. Apple recorded the game winning three-pointer at 9:31 of the third quarter. Marojevic, Sampson, Kyt Selaidopoulos, Beasley and Jonathan Greenfield also scored. The Ignition hosts the California Cougars at 7:35 pm on Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township and head to Philadelphia for a 7:05 pm match-up against the Kixx on Saturday.



Canton Chiefs win 3 straight

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took a while, but the Canton Chiefs hoopsters are on track with three consecutive wins.

Last week they earned victories against Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Stevenson.

Senior center Ryan Waidmann was a force in the both games, racking up 39 points in the two outings.

He scored 28—17 in the fourth quarter—against the Knights at home last Tuesday and led the team with 11 against host Stevenson on Friday.

Canton was defensively sound against the Spartans, which led the way to a 51-29 trouncing. The Chiefs limited them to single digits through the first three quarters and only allowed 10 in the

final frame. Canton edged out an 8-7 lead after the first, but a hefty 15-point second gave them a 23-11 advantage at the half. The third was a draw—each team scored eight. The Chiefs put it to them in the fourth, outscoring the Spartans, 20-10 for the win.

Steve Paye and Neil Sharma each scored 10. Brody Coplai added seven.

Against Northern, Canton trailed through the first half and went into the intermission down by three, 21-18. They battled back with 14 points in the third to eke out a 32-30 lead.

Then Waidmann went on a rampage and scored his 17 in the fourth.

"He struggled handling the ball in the first half," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "He stepped up in the second half."

Butler added eight points in the contest. He also had a stellar defensive game, holding Spartan Luke Knochel to seven points.

With a win the previous week against rival Salem, Canton moves to a 3-4 overall record with the division play starting this week.

"These wins really give the kids some confidence," Paye said. "I think going 0-4 to start the season really woke us up. I think the division is really good this year and it will be a battle. It's going to be one of those years where anything can happen."

The Chiefs tussled with cross-campus rival Plymouth on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They head to a quickly-improving Wayne Memorial squad at 7 p.m. on Friday and host Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Belleville splits week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers suffered their first loss of the season against conference foe Monroe on Friday night.

Senior center Anthony Wafer's return from injury was the highlight of the Tiger's 56-41 effort against the Trojans. He scored 10 points and posted 12 rebounds in the contest, but it wasn't enough to bring his team back from a lackluster 4-point third quarter that allowed their host to go up by 10.

The fourth frame didn't help, either, as the Tigers' defense fell apart. The Trojans racked up 21 points to put the game away.

"We only scored four in the third and that was the death of us—we never recovered from that," said Belleville Coach Don Hickman. "We got shots but we just couldn't make them. Monroe played an aggressive 2-3 zone and dared us to shoot over top and we didn't make any."

Belleville kept it close through the first half. Monroe outscored them, 15-10, in the opening quarter but the Tigers got on track and narrowed the gap to one, 26-25, by the half-time buzzer.

Monroe changed up defenses in the third and only allowed Belleville's four points. In turn, the Tigers kept Monroe to single digits with only nine, keeping Monroe close. However, the 10-point advantage was too much to overcome in the final eight minutes of play.

Belleville senior forward Brian "Butch" Zantop helped Wafer on the boards and recorded nine rebounds to go with his four points.

Zantop also got the job done last Tuesday. His 11 rebounds

and five points helped the Tigers defeat Wyandotte, 58-41.

Belleville took a 35-20 lead into the locker room at the half, holding Wyandotte to just five in the second quarter.

"They had a kid, John Barry, that gave us problems in the first," Hickman said. "In the second, it wasn't so much not letting him take shots as much as it was just denying him the basketball and not letting him get it. Once we controlled him it was pretty much game over."

Belleville outscored Wyandotte 23-21 in the second half for the win.

Senior guard Marius Williams led the Tigers with 10 points. Senior guard Darius Hardrick and senior forward Randle Green each scored nine.

The split week brought Belleville to a 5-1 overall record and 1-1 in the Mega Red. Although it is a good record, Hickman is a bit surprised.

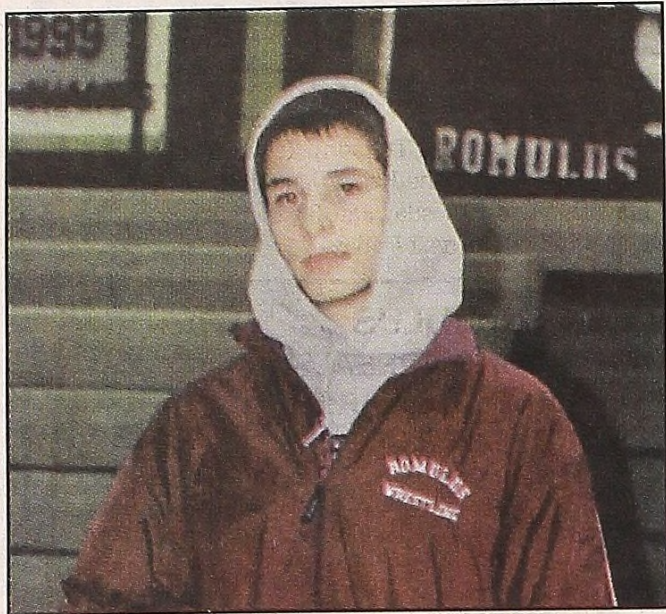
"If you would have asked me at the start of the season if I thought that we would be 5-1 at the this point I would have probably said yes," he said. "However, I didn't think that the one loss would be to Monroe. I don't think we should have lost to them."

Belleville will start the bulk of their conference games this week with a match up at Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. on Friday. Truman knocked Belleville out of the regional tournament last year and made it to the semi-finals.

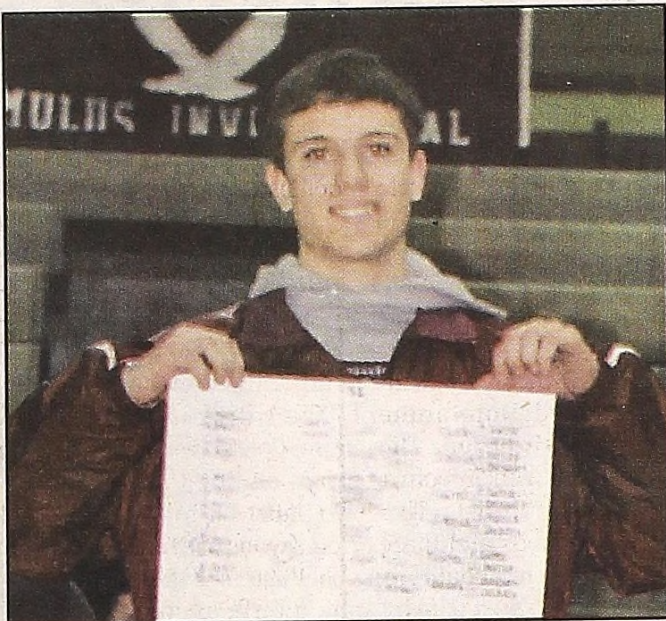
"This is one we would really like to get," Hickman said.

Belleville also hosts a non-conference contest against Saline at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Then they take a trip to Ypsilanti next Friday. The following week archrival Romulus visits on Tuesday.

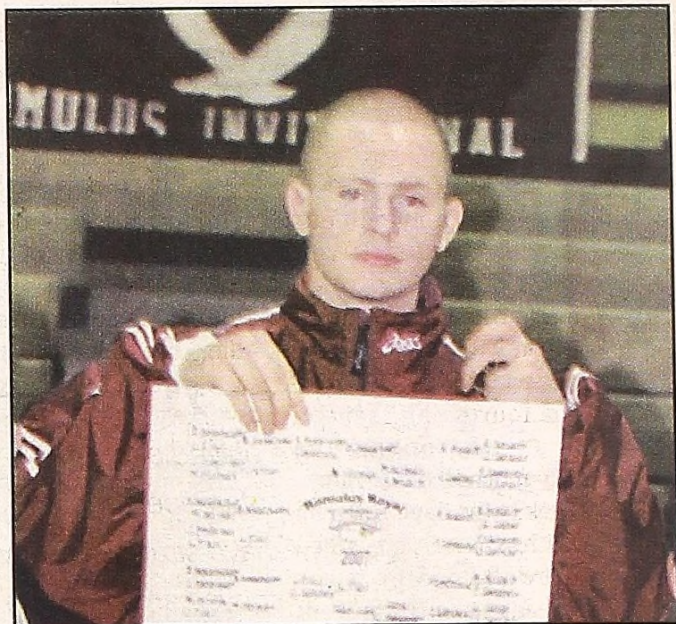
SPORTS



Romulus junior Carl Roscoe won the 112-pound weight class championship at the Romulus Royal Invitational on Saturday.



Patrick Sutter, a Romulus high senior, went undefeated in tournament competition to win the 152-pound weight class championship



Brian Housholder, at 160-pounds, won his weight class on Saturday for the Eagles.

Flying high Eagle grapplers place 2nd at home invite

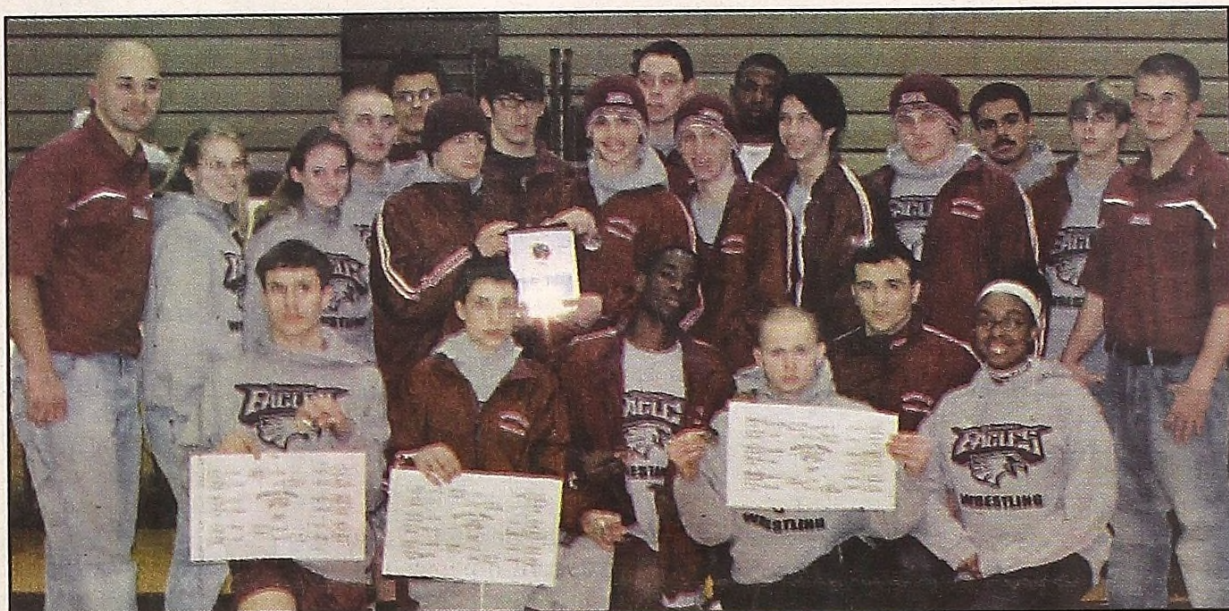
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In his six years as Romulus wrestling coach, David Cooper and his high-flying Eagle grappling squad has never placed very high in the annual team-orchestrated Romulus Royal Invitational.

Until this year, when the team turned its fate around and placed second behind Wayne Memorial in the nine-team round-robin tournament on Saturday.

"This is tremendous for us," Cooper said. "We have been down the last couple of years and

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The Romulus Eagle wrestling squad, coached by David Cooper (left), finished second overall at the team-hosted Romulus Royal invite on Saturday. It was the highest the team placed in the tournament in more than six years.

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SPORTS

Romulus cagers score 106 points to beat River Rouge

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus earned a much-needed win when they trounced the River Rouge Panthers, 106-54.

Romulus had 81 points by the end of the third and—even with a running clock—the Eagles scored 25 points in the fourth quarter.

The victory moved the Eagles back to the 500 mark with a 4-4 overall record (2-0, Mega Red), a surprising record since the team averages more than 77 points per game. However, the team has been lacking on the defensive side of the ball.

“The defense is getting better,” said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. “That’s where we really need to get better. We played a tough non-conference schedule and we have struggled early, but the guys came through and are all working hard. They are all pretty much doing the right thing. I think

it’s early and we can really do something this year.”

Oats toted his roster’s depth as the strongest aspect of the team, allowing him to press most of the 32 minutes to wear down teams.

Against River Rouge, 14 players got significant playing time.

Junior point guard Dominique Buckley led the team with 20 points, seven assists, five rebounds and three steals in about only 18 minutes of play, according to Oats. Junior guard Laron Rodgers added 15 and junior forward Devin Pankey

scored 12. The rest of the scoring was spread around among the other eight players.

Senior Devin Searcy, only scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds, but had a good day defensively.

“The stats don’t really show what a good day he had for us,” Oats said. “He controlled the middle of the paint real well. He

opponent couldn’t compete.

At 152 pounds, senior Patrick Sutter pinned every opponent he faced to go 4-0 and win the weight class. He recently came back off of an injury and is 5-2 on the season.

Brian Housholder, a 160-pound junior, won his championship match in overtime. He is currently 15-3 with two of his three losses coming off of matches with 2006 state placers, according to Cooper.

Romulus had several other place top-four in the tournament, too.

Joe Lewis (119) placed second; Earl Hunt (135) third; Thomas Kuderick (140) third; Mike Statham (145) fourth; and Julian Torres (heavyweight) tied for third.

blocked shots early and altered a bunch of shots. He allowed us to pressure on defense.”

Searcy and crew will head to Willow Run at 7 p.m. on Friday and host Saginaw Arthur

Hill—one of the top teams in the state—at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. It won’t get any easier when the Eagles head to Belleville at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, then host Ypsilanti at 7 p.m. next Friday.

We played a tough non-conference schedule and we have struggled early, but the guys came through and are all working hard.

Coach Nate Oats

Eagles

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have slowly worked back up. It shows the hard work of the wrestlers and the coaching staff. We’re headed in the right direction.”

On top of placing second as a team, Romulus had three individual champions on the day, too.

Junior Carl Roscoe, who is 12-4 on the season in the 112-pound weight class, went 3-0 at the tournament and was the No.1 seed going in to the final round before wining on an injury default when his

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
30350 ECORSE ROAD

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider variances from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow for a 5,027 square foot addition to the existing building as follows:

1. A variance from Section 21.01 to permit lot coverage of 51.3%. The Zoning Ordinance requires a maximum coverage of lot by all buildings of 35%, therefore a 16.3% variance is required.
2. A variance from Section 21.01 to permit a 10.9-foot front yard setback. The Zoning Ordinance requires a 25-foot front yard setback. While a previous variance for a setback of 14.4 feet was approved, the building was built with a setback of 10.9 feet; therefore a variance of 14.10-foot is required.
3. A variance from Section 6.04.D. to permit a 1-foot front yard parking setback. The Zoning Ordinance requires a 15-foot wide parking setback along Ecorse Road. Due to a right-of-way dedication, the front parking setback has been reduced to 1-foot, therefore a 14-foot variance is required.
4. A variance from Section 6.06.E.1, to permit 120 parking spaces. The Zoning Ordinance requires 186 parking spaces, therefore a variance of 66 parking spaces is required.

The subject property is located at 30350 Ecorse Road (Parcel# 82-80-007-02-0025-000). Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 7, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
7665 MERRIMAN ROAD

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider variances from the City of Romulus Ordinance as follows:

1. A variance from Section 29-64.B. to permit installation of an electronic message board on the proposed sign with the message to change every 30 seconds. The Sign Ordinance states that no sign or part thereof shall move nor shall there be illumination thereof by anything other than a steady, continuously burning bulb or light. The flashing or turning on and off of the sign illumination by any bulb or component part thereof is prohibited, therefore a variance is required.
2. A variance from Section 4.25 to permit a sign 160 square feet (80 square feet with 41 square feet of sign area per side). The Zoning Ordinance only permits a maximum of 64 square feet combined for both sides of a ground sign, therefore a 96 square foot variance is required for the proposed sign.

The subject property is located at 7665 Merriman Road (commonly known as Public Service Credit Union) (Parcel #82-80-042-02-0003-300). Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 7, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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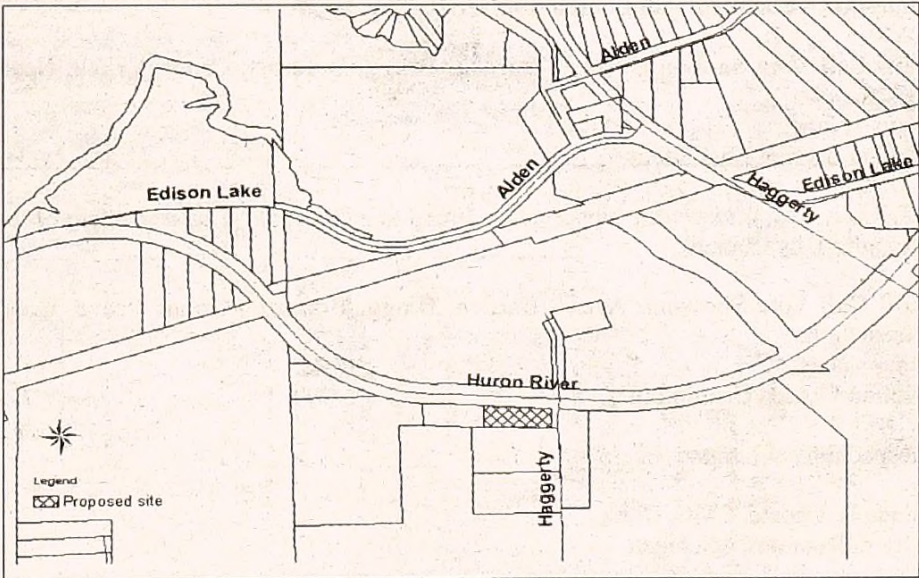
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-095-01-0231-010 approximately 1.03 acres proposed to be rezoned from C Local Business to C-1 General Business.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the south side of East Huron River Drive west of Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of February 6, 2007.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: January 12, 2007
Publish: January 18, 2007

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 3, 2007
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-001

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 27, 2006,

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. None.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-002

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-18:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<u>Federal Forfeiture</u>				
<u>Expense</u>				
267-3710-737.80-10	Capital Outlay	140,460	65,000	205,460
<u>Revenue</u>				
267-0000-410.68.50	Other income-Reimbursemts	0	36,000	36,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
267-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	44,371	(29,000)	15,371

To purchase two (2) pursuit vehicles for the traffic unit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-003

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to schedule a Study Session on Monday, January 2, 2007 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 audit presentation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-004

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution recognizing Union Grove on their 50th Church Anniversary.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 3, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Cindy King, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Lianne Clair, Trustee Phillip Hart, Trustee Jeffery Jahr and Trustee Walter Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Clerk Joannie Payne. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Bryce Kelley, Public Safety Director Gerald Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Bruce Ross, Chief Mark Nicholai, Executive Assistant Susan Ireland, Secretary Kathleen Cline and an audience of four (4).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of former President Gerald Ford.

Supervisor King thanked Treasurer Budd for chairing the Work Study and Closed Session Meetings yesterday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Remove New Business Item #5. "Consider adoption of the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Guide." and to clarify New Business Item #6. "Consider authorizing the Director of Public Safety and the Fire Chief to accept bids and order a Heavy Duty Rescue Truck and a Special Operations/Tow Vehicle" to read "Consider authorizing the Director of Public Safety and the Fire Chief to prepare specifications and accept bids for a Heavy Duty Rescue Truck and a Special Operations/Tow Vehicle." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 4, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King read a Special Event Press Release from the Van Buren Township Fire Department stating this past holiday season the members of the Fire Department in collaboration with the Van Buren Fire Fighters Association, donated their time or goods to local charities including the Belleville Area Goodfellows, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Salvation Army as bell ringers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2007-01 the Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to extend the collection of the 2006 winter taxes without penalty through Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-02 Annual Block Party and Road Closure Permit and to authorize the Supervisor to sign permits. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to authorize the Supervisor to execute Wayne County Permit A-07045. Carried.

Hart moved, Clair seconded to authorize the Director of Public Safety Jerry Champagne and the Fire Chief Mark Nicholai to prepare specifications and accept bids for a Heavy Duty Rescue Truck and a Special Operations/Tow Vehicle. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the January 9, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the October 2006 and November 2006 Public Safety Reports and the November 2006 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The 2007 fireworks display will be held on Saturday, June 23rd with a rain date of Sunday, June 24th.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: Jazzercise classes are an ongoing exercise program held through out the week. A Babysitter class will be held on Saturday, February 17th. Also, Summer Camp program registration will begin on Monday, March 5th. For more information on programs or events contact the Recreation Department at 699.8926.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident advised the Board of the following: containers with used oil are still being dumped in the ditch along Beck and Van Born Roads; the ditches along Ecorse Road Service Drive need to be cleaned; and Ecorse Road Service Drive also needs resurfacing. The Township will contact Wayne County for assistance.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Clair seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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1. Obituaries

Be it known to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission give proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to:

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1990 Olds Cutlass
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1996 Olds Achieva
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1991 Dodge Dakota
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1993 Dodge Dakota
1B7GL23Y9PS147256

1986 Olds Cutlass
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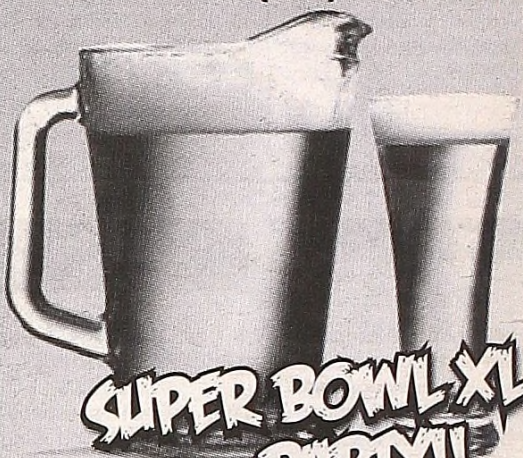
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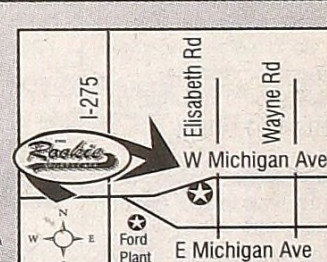
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Friday, Jan. 19 - Official Opening

- Pedestal sculptures displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.
- 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. High School Individual Competition in Kellogg Park, one block of ice, 4 hours to carve.
- Oakland Community College ice carving club working on their large display on Main Street.
- Macomb Community College working on their large display on Main Street.
- Light Show begins at dusk.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- College Individual Competition Noon - 4 p.m. Kellogg Park, one block of ice, 4 hours to carve. Colleges represented - Macomb CC, Henry Ford CC, Oakland CC, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Rapids CC, Grand Valley State and Washtenaw CC

- 1 - 5 p.m. - The Gathering - The AM910 Radio Disney D-Tour Show is making it's first appearance at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular with a new stage show that will "Rock Your World" featuring music, dance and prizes. The theme of the show is "Move It" and is part of the Radio Disney "My Family Moves" Program, which encourages families to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to be active together. AM910 Radio Disney personality NICK"E" will host the show. The hour-long show is produced by AM910 Radio Disney and in partnership with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.
- Major Ice Carvings on display including carvings by Japanese Team.
- Championship Professional carver exhibition noon to 4 p.m.
- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - PetCo Pet Stores on site distributing discount coupons on their products, and other goodies for our four-legged friends.
- Light Show begins at dusk

Sunday, Jan. 21

- College Team Competition 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, three blocks of ice, 4 hours.
- High School Team Competition 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, three blocks of ice, 4 hours.
- 1 - 5 p.m. PetCo Pet Stores on site distributing discount coupons on their products, and other goodies for our four-legged friends.
- Major multi-block displays and individual competition works on display
- Championship Professional carver exhibition 1 to 4 p.m. World Ice Art Dreams.

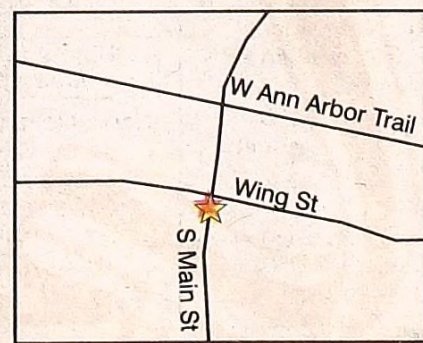
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